

**Stuart Bondurant**  
**Class of 1950**

Stuart Bondurant is professor and dean emeritus of Carolina's School of Medicine. Bondurant Hall is named in his honor. Bondurant enrolled in Carolina with the Class of 1950 and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa as a junior, but transferred to Duke for his B.S. and M.D. degrees. Following two years of service in the U.S. Air Force, he began a career in academic medicine that earned him a place of lasting eminence. Bondurant joined the faculty of Indiana University in 1959 and rose to full professor at that institution. He left Indiana to accept a position at Albany Medical College where he served as dean and president of its Medical Center. Bondurant returned to his alma mater in 1979, succeeding Chancellor Christopher Fordham as dean of medicine. During his fifteen years as dean Bondurant worked to expand UNC Hospitals to four public hospitals and a clinical cancer center. He was a champion of students and led improvements in the curriculum that have made Carolina's medical school a national leader in educational methods and standards. He also worked for health improvements in North Carolina, especially in infant mortality. His research interests have been in the area of cardiovascular and pulmonary medicine, medical education, and public health. Bondurant was one of the founders of the North Carolina Biotechnology Center and has served as president of the American College of Physicians, chair of the American Association of Medical Colleges, and president of the Institute of Medicine.

Bondurant's many honors include Carolina's Thomas Jefferson Award (1998), honorary degrees from Indiana University (1980) and Georgetown University (2007), honorary induction into the Order of the Golden Fleece (1986), the General Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Medal, Fellow of the American Association for the Advance of Science, a Citation for Distinguished Service to Research from the American Heart Association, a Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Duke University School of Medicine, and an Award of Merit from the American Heart Association.

Bill Easterling is Dean of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences at Penn State. He was born and raised in Chapel Hill and received his bachelors, masters and PhD degrees from Carolina. Upon completion of his doctorate in geography, he was awarded a Mellon Foundation Fellowship with the National Research Council where he assisted with production of the groundbreaking National Academy of Sciences report, *Changing Climate*. Easterling joined Penn State's geography department in 1997 as professor of geography and earth system science and assumed responsibilities as dean on July 1, 2007. He is an internationally recognized expert on how global warming likely will affect the Earth's food supply, and was one of the coordinating lead authors of the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report on the effects of climate change. The IPCC was the co-recipient (with Al Gore) of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. The efforts of Easterling and his co-authors were hailed for providing comprehensive and objective information to better understand the scientific basis of human-induced climate change, its potential impact, and options for adaptation and mitigation. Easterling has authored over 80 refereed scientific publications in the areas of food and climate, testified before the House Committee on Science and Technology on climate change, spoken at numerous congressional briefings, and chaired the National Research Council's Panel on the Human Dimensions of Seasonal-to-Interannual Climate Variability. He is a member of the Board of Visitors of Carolina's Institute for the Environment and has chaired or served on numerous boards and committees of the National Science Foundation, National Research Council, the United Nations Foundation and federal mission agencies. Easterling is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science for distinguished contributions in global food availability and security through assessment of climate-change impacts, and adaptation and mitigation options.

**Karol Virginia Mason**  
**B.A. 1979**

Karol Mason is United States Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs. A native of Amityville, New York, Mason earned her B.A. in Mathematics at Carolina. Her leadership qualities as an undergraduate led to her induction into the Order of the Golden Fleece, the Order of the Old Well, and the Order of the Grail-Valkyries. Mason went on to earn a J.D. at the University of Michigan Law School where she was notes editor for the University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform. She was admitted to the Georgia Bar in 1983 and joined the Atlanta law firm of Alston & Bird where she concentrated on public and project finance, chaired the firm's finance group, and served on its management committee. Mason was the first African-American woman to achieve partner status in a major Atlanta law practice. In recognition of that break-through, she received the Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award from the Leadership Institute for Women of Color Attorneys in Law and Business. In 2009 Mason accepted appointment as United States Deputy Associate Attorney General where she oversaw the Tax Division, the Office of Justice Programs, the Office of Violence Against Women, and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. She led the Attorney General's Defending Childhood Initiative and helped create the Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence. She returned to Alston & Bird in 2012, only to heed the President Obama's call in early 2013 to return to public service as Assistant Attorney General for Justice Programs. A loyal alumna, Mason served two terms on Carolina's Board of Trustees (2001-2009). She was vice-chair of the Board, chaired the Audit and Finance Committee, and was a member of the Endowment and Investment Committees. The General Alumni Association has honored her with its Distinguished Young Alumna Award (1991) and its Distinguished Service Medal (2010).

**Todd Lincoln Miller**  
**B.A., 1978; M.R.P., 1980**

Todd Miller is the founder and executive director of the North Carolina Coastal Federation, a nonprofit organization headquartered in Ocean, North Carolina. Since 1982 the federation has worked with all twenty of the state's coastal counties to engage a diversity of people, communities and stakeholders in collaborating to take an active role in the stewardship of North Carolina's coastal water quality and natural resources. Under Miller's leadership, the federation has grown to a staff of twenty-four professionals, including scientists, agency and legislative liaisons, educators, and planners. It has more than 10,000 supporters who help carry out its work. In addition to its main office in Ocean, the federation operates regional offices in Manteo and Wrightsville Beach. Motorists recognize the federation by its "No Wetlands, No Seafood" bumper stickers and its "Protect Our Coast" specialty license plate. The federation has protected and restored more than 50,000 acres of coastal waters and habitats, helped North Carolina to adopt some of the most effective coastal management safeguards in the nation, and recruited thousands of students, coastal residents, and visitors to become directly engaged in coastal stewardship projects. A native of Carteret County, Miller earned two Carolina degrees and is a member of the Board of Visitors of Carolina's Institute for the Environment. He was profiled by WUNC-TV in a documentary, "Environmental Heroes," which first aired in February 2011. His honors include the Southern Environmental Law Center's Southern Environmental Leadership Award (2000), the Old North State Award from the Governor of North Carolina (2007), and the National Wetlands Award from the Environmental Law Institute (2011). In 2010, Miller and the federation were honored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with the Excellence in Restoration Award for years of dedicated and effective work restoring the state's degraded coastal habitats.

**Gary Wilton Parr**  
**B.S.B.A., 1979**

Gary Parr is vice-chairman of Lazard Ltd., a global financial advisory firm. For over 30 years he has focused on providing strategic advice and advising on mergers and acquisitions for financial institutions and is widely known as a brilliant investment banker whose analytical skills and judgment are outstanding. His innovative entrepreneurship is praised by Holden Thorp and Buck Goldstein in their recent book, *Engines of Innovation: The Entrepreneurial University in the Twenty-First Century*. Having grown up in Charlotte, Parr graduated with honors and Phi Beta Kappa. Later, he earned an M.B.A. from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. Parr is not only a major figure in the financial world; he is also a champion of the arts. He is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the New York Philharmonic, and previously was Chairman of Venetian Heritage, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and safeguarding the cultural heritage of Venice. Parr has served on the Kenan-Flagler Business School's Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees of the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. Parr has never been satisfied with only giving financial merger advice but also desired to have better intellectual tools to think clearly and articulately about what was at stake morally in complex business situations. His search for those tools led him to look for ways to help Carolina provide them to our students. The outcome was a major gift in 2004 from the Gary W. Parr Family Foundation that enabled establishment of the Parr Center for Ethics. The Center addresses a broad and innovative range of ethical issues in such areas as biotechnology, the environment, war and terrorism and the intersection of ethics and intercollegiate athletics.

Gary Parr is the father of two married children and has two grandsons. His son Stuart also graduated from UNC, having followed a family tradition going back four generations.